



ST. PAUL MUNICIPAL ATHLETICS RULES AND GUIDELINES
MUNICIPAL ATHLETICS OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
(651) 558-2255
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FALL SOFTBALL

1. **INJURY LIABILITY:** The city of St. Paul is not liable for injuries. Teams are strongly urged to provide their own insurance.
2. **ROSTER SHEETS:** Rosters are not used in the fall.
3. **UMPIRES:** are assigned to all games. If an umpire does not show up, the **MANAGERS** should agree on a substitute and play the game. Substitutes receive \$20.00 and will be paid at the end of the season. **WINNING MANAGER** should call the office the next morning with the score/name/address/ss# of the substitute ump.
4. **KEEPING SCORE:** Each team shall have its own scorebook and scorekeeper.
5. **HOME TEAM** is listed **second** on the schedule.
6. No infield/outfield practice between games. Teams should be ready to play 15 minutes prior to their game time.
7. **UNIFORMS:** Not required for fall softball
8. **RAIN OUT POLICY:** The weather line is 651-558-2118. You can call after 4 pm for updated game day information. It is the manager's responsibility to check to see if the games are cancelled.

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RULES PERTAINING TO SLOW PITCH LEAGUES
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8. **STARTING GAMES:** Teams may start and/or finish with 9 players. The 10th spot will be an out. If a team drops to less than nine the game is over. If teams are using the EP and someone is ejected, the game is over.
9. **BALLS:** OPTIC YELLOW (stamped ASA approved) Maximum Core .044 11" for women 12" for men. CO ED uses either 11/12" or 12/14". Balls will be provided by Municipal Athletics for slow pitch games. Umpires will have the softballs at the game site.
10. **PITCHING WARM UP:** 3 to start the game, 1 between innings
11. **ONE HOUR TIME LIMIT:** No new inning may start after. Ties stand as ties. Ten run rule will apply after five innings.
12. **FENCED FIELD LEAGUES:** Home run rule will apply for both men and women. The limit is 3. Any in excess of 3, is an out.
13. 3 - 2 count with a courtesy foul. Note a swing and a miss on strike two is an out!
14. **Courtesy runners/open batting:** If both managers agree at ground rules open end batting and courtesy runners may be used.
15. **Co-ed must alternate batters...M/F** You must have two males and two females in the outfield and two males and two females in the infield. The pitcher/catcher must be male/female. If a male batter walks he goes to second base. The female batter **MUST** then bat, unless there are two outs and then she has her choice of walking or batting.

REMINDER: Each team is responsible for the conduct of its players, coaches, and spectators. Players are not allowed to drink alcoholic beverages during the game. The umpire will stop the game if he/she sees any alcohol in the bench/field area. The game will not continue unless the alcohol is removed immediately.

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RULES PERTAINING TO FAST PITCH LEAGUES

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- 1. STARTING GAMES** Teams may start and/or finish with 8 players. The empty spot in the line-up will be an out. If a team drops to 8 because of ejection, the game IS A FORFEIT.
- 2. PITCHING WARM UP:** 5 to start the game, 3 between innings.
- 3. ONE HOUR & FORTY FIVE MINUTE TIME LIMIT:** No new inning may start after one hour and forty five minutes. Ties stand as ties. If the time limit is not up after 7 innings and the score is tied we will use the International Tie Breaker (last completed batter from previous inning starts on 2B).
- 4. (8 RUN RULE)** will apply after the losing team has completed at least 5 times at bat and is behind 8 or more runs.
- 5. GAME BALLS:** Each team should provide one new ball for each game. THE HOME TEAM IS LISTED SECOND on the schedule.

Each team is responsible for the conduct of its players, coaches, and spectators. Alcoholic beverages of any sort are not allowed on any recreation center grounds at any time. Any team violating this provision is subject to suspension.